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SIGNAL FAILURE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of signal failures during the last three years;

(b) if so, the main reasons for the signal failures; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken to improve the signal system in Railways?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI R. VELU)

(a): Signal failures during last three years are as under:

2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
123752	114585	147966

(b): The main reasons for the signal failures are overaged signalling assets, inadequate reliability of requipments, human lapses in maintenance and operation of gears, outside interference and theft of field gears.

(c): The main steps being taken to improve signal system in Railways are the expediting the replacement of overaged signalling assets, periodic sanction of replacement works to cater for fresh accruals,implementation of programme for reliability improvement & minimizing outside interference and intensive training courses for upgradation of skills of signalling staff